

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, please delete the following term at the top of the page:

[Description]

Page 1, replace the existing title with the new title to read as follows:

--COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH MESSAGE FORWARDING CAPABILITIES--.

Page 1, following the title and before paragraph 1, please insert the following heading:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, revise the first paragraph to read as follows:

The invention relates to a communication ~~unit~~ terminal with

- a memory for storing data of possible communication partners,
- a connecting device for establishing communication connections with a communication partner using different means of communication,
- a control unit for triggering the connecting device in order to establish a communication connection by using data that is stored in the memory and/or that can be entered manually.

Page 1, after the first paragraph insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, revise the last paragraph to read as follows:

If the desired communication partner cannot be reached, often it is possible to reach him/her with a different means if of communication. For example, if the fixed line telephone is not answered, a mobile phone number can be dialed to circumvent the problem. If the mobile telephone is not turned on or not answered, there is still the possibility to send an SMS message or an e-mail.

Furthermore, it would be possible to send a fax accompanied by the request for a call back. Even if all data that is necessary for establishing communication connections is stored in the computer, it takes a considerable effort to select each means of communication individually in order to get in touch with the desired communication partner.

Page 2, before the first paragraph insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 2, revise the first paragraph to read as follows:

~~It is therefore the subject-matter~~ One object of the present invention is to provide a communication terminal unit that simplifies, capable of employing various means of communication, that facilitates establishing a communication connection with a communication partner.

Page 2, revise the second paragraph to read as follows:

~~According to the invention, this objective is achieved with a communication unit of the above-described kind, which is characterized by the fact that, if establishing a connection fails, the control unit triggers the connecting device in such a way that a communication connection is established utilizing another means of communication.~~ This and other objects are attained in accordance with one aspect of the present invention directed to a connection terminal for use by a first person wishing to establish a communication connection with another person via one from among a plurality of specified means for communication. A memory is provided for storing data entered by the first person related to a plurality of other persons with whom the first person may wish to communicate. A means is provided for establishing a communication connection, via a designated one from among the plurality of means for communication, between the first person and

one of the plurality of other persons selected by the first person. A means is provided for determining whether the selected other person could not be reached via the designated means for communication, and a control means is provided for designating another from among the plurality of specified means for communication when the selected other person could not be reached, and for actuating said means for establishing a communication connection to establish a communication connection with the selected other person via the other designated means for communication.

Page 2, revise the third paragraph to read as follows:

One means of communication is initially given priority. If it is not possible to establish a connection with this means of communication, for example because the desired communication partner does not accept the connection or is already communicating otherwise via this means of communication, the communication ~~unit~~ terminal according to the invention automatically attempts to establish a connection by way of another means of communication. According to the invention, the above-described possibilities, used to get in touch with a desired communication partner, are performed automatically. Advantageously, in addition to data of the communication partners, the memory also stores text messages that can be forwarded automatically because theft content is often identical. Therefore, messages that are sent via SMS or e-mail do not have to be reentered each time.

Page 3, before the first paragraph insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, revise the second paragraph to read as follows:

Figure 1 a communication ~~unit~~ terminal according to the invention ~~and in~~.

Page 3, before the fourth paragraph insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, revise the fourth paragraph to read as follows:

In the representation in figure 1, a first person 1 is trying to reach a second person 2. The person 1 has the communication ~~unit~~ terminal 3 according to the invention at his/her disposal. The person 2 can be reached by way of a multitude of means of communication. The available means are a fixed line telephone 4, a mobile telephone 5, an e-mail connection 6 and a LAN voice connection 7. Also available but not shown in the figure are a representative, a secretary's office, an SMS system, a home phone number as well as a vacation phone number. At this point, a variety of additional means of communication are possible which be may integrated easily into the communication ~~unit~~ terminal according to the invention. The communication ~~unit~~ terminal 3 of person 1 is able to use all means of communication in order to establish a connection 8 with person 2.

Page 3, revise the fifth paragraph to read as follows:

In a starting situation, person 1 is trying to reach person 2 with a high degree of urgency. Person 1 initially dials the fixed line number of person 2. Person 2, however, does not answer the call. Therefore, person 1 activates the automatic control of the communication ~~unit~~ terminal 3 specifying that the desire to reach the communication partner, i.e. person 2, is extremely urgent. The procedure described in the following is shown in figure 2. The X-marks in the columns of the table signify that the corresponding means of communication is available. The numbers,

added eg. in the “high urgency” column, represent the sequence in which the means of communication are to be used. Individual profiles can be stored for each stored communication partner.

Page 3, revise the sixth paragraph to read as follows:

A control unit 9 of the communication ~~unit~~ terminal 3 knows now that the person 2 could not be reached via the fixed line telephone 4. Thus, the control unit 9 obtains the number at which person 2 can be reached on a cellular phone from the memory 10. A connecting device 11, responsible for establishing the connection, now tries to establish a mobile phone connection with the cellular phone 5 of person 2. If this attempt by the communication ~~unit~~ terminal 3 fails as well, the unit automatically tries to establish a telephone connection to the secretary's office of person 2. The corresponding number is also filed in the memory 10. If neither the secretary's office nor a representative, with whom a connection is attempted, are available to answer the call, a text message is sent to the e-mail connection 6 of person 2. The text message is filed in the memory 10 and applies for various communication partners. Generally, this will be a simple message with a content such as “please call back”. Finally, an SMS message is sent also requesting a call back.